- Union Budget 2002-03 proposes abolition of 16% special excise duty on all, except eight items.
- Additional 15% depreciation on new plant and machinery.
- Reduction of peak rate of custom duty to 30% rationalisation of custom duty rates to two duty rates by 2004-05.
- Budget 2002-03 announced special incentives for textile industry.
- Measures to boost Housing sector such as repeal by the States of the rules under the Urban Land Ceiling Act, rationalisation of high stamp duty regimes proposed in the Union Budget 2002-03.

Anti-dumping Cases against Chinese Companies

505. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have registered any anti-dumping case against some Chinese Companies recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action has since been taken against those companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) to (c) Directorate General of Anti-Dumping and Allied Duties has initiated 14 Anti Dumping cases concerning imports from China during the year 2001 mainly involving pharmaceutical and chemical products and consumer items like Lead Acid Batteries, Compact Flourescent Lamps and Vitrified Porcelain Tiles. Action has been taken by the Government concerning these cases in the following manner:—

(i) Definitive duties have been recommended in 4 cases, of which duties have been imposed in 2 cases.

(ii) Provisional duties have been recommended in 9 cases, of which duties have been imposed in 6 cases.

(iii) The remaining 1 case has been terminated due to withdrawal of petition by the domestic industry.